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BLOOMINGTON, Ill. – Irving Epstein, professor of Educational Studies and former acting director of International Studies, has accepted the position of Associate Dean of Faculty at Illinois Wesleyan. Epstein assumed the position as of August 1, 2009.

As Associate Dean of the Faculty, Epstein manages areas relating to faculty development. His duties include developing orientation programs, professional development workshops, and administering faculty travel and internal grant programs.

Epstein has held several other administrative positions since joining the staff of Illinois Wesleyan in 1996, having served as Department Chair of Educational Studies and as Director of General Education. He has held membership on the Curriculum Council and (CUPP) at the University, and has served as head of the campus chapter of the American Association of University Professors.

Epstein has also been active in the Scholars at Risk Network, an international network of colleges and universities that provide temporary academic positions to professors, lecturers, researchers and other intellectuals who face threats in their home country because of their ideas and place in society. He has worked with Illinois Wesleyan administration to host two such scholars over the past five years.

His activities outside of Illinois Wesleyan have included mentoring graduate students in doctoral candidate workshops for his professional association, the Comparative and International Education Society, as well as having served as a member of an external review team evaluating the Department of Educational Policy and Administration at the University of Minnesota in the spring of 2008. Epstein has also served as general editor of the *Greenwood Encyclopedia of Children's Issues Worldwide* and has extensive experience in journal editorship and manuscript review.

Epstein graduated as a College *Scholar with Honors* from Lake Forest College in 1973 with a bachelor's degree in history. He then continued on to receive two master's degrees, one in European history from the University of Toronto in 1974 and one in education from Claremont Graduate School in 1976. Epstein received his Ph.D. in comparative and international education in 1984 from the University of California, Los Angeles.

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